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1. [redacted] military information:

a. The 5 Infantry Regiment has left Ruse.

b. The 31 Infantry Regiment [redacted] left Silistra and moved to the Yugoslav border. About 1 June the equipment of the unit that was still in Silistra was put on Danube River boats.

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c. The 33 Infantry Regiment has moved from Svishtov to Nikopol. The Officers School of Sofia moved into the former barracks of the 33 Infantry Regiment.

d. The 9 Infantry Regiment was carrying out summer maneuvers southeast of Plovdiv in the direction of Kurdzhali.

e. A cavalry unit [redacted] was stationed at Silistra.

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f. Only part of 2 Heavy Artillery Regiment was stationed at Plovdiv.

2. [redacted] military information:

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a. The 21 Infantry Regiment was at Smolyan (RF 41-41).

b. About the beginning of May 1951 a unit of 150 to 180 men from Sofia arrived in Nasten (RF 19-55) to construct fortifications. About 15 or 20 days after their arrival, the men were divided into two units. One of the units was sent to Shiroka Leka (RF 31-51) and the other was sent to Tesiel (sic) (RF 17-53). Only the supplies of the original unit remained in Nasten. [redacted] military vehicles carrying cement and iron posts in the vicinity of Tesiel.

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c. About the beginning of May 1951 a high ranking Bulgarian, with three or four other officers, went to Mugla (RF 24-44) and inspected the buildings of the forest association. The high ranking officer ordered that the buildings be evacuated because the Army was going to move into them.

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d. [] there is a mountain artillery regiment at Asenovgrad.

e. At the western end of Plovdiv, between the public road and railroad line and near the barracks of 9 Regiment, there were five or six buildings used as ammunition dumps. The buildings were guarded by 20 men.

f. Soldiers were constructing fortifications along the road from Shiroka Leka to Bedenski Bani (RF 25-54). [] machine gun emplacements being constructed.

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g. Soldiers were constructing trenches around the village of Nastan (RF 19-55).

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3. [] Plovdiv, [] west of the city, at location (RA 47-03), six anti-aircraft artillery guns in enclosures made of earth. Only the barrels of the guns were visible.

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